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To all PSAPs and PSDPs using NJ EMD Guidecards,

The New Jersey Department of Health has issued an alert for PSAPs and PSDPs who may receive calls from people who have consumed mushrooms obtained in the "wild" areas such as parks, forests, backyards, etc.

A copy of their alert is attached.

At present this alert is intended to make the PSAPs and PSDPs aware of the problem. If a PSAP or PSDP receives a call concerning someone who may have consumed wild mushrooms, whether or not they are exhibiting signs and symptoms of food poisoning, in addition to being taken to the emergency room attempts should be made to preserve any uneaten portions of the mushroom. These samples should be transported with the patient.

It is requested that Poison Control be conferenced to initiate interrogation and possible treatment with the caller while EMS is responding. This may include a request for the caller to e-mail pictures of the mushrooms to an expert for identification and treatment recommendations. Based on their analysis the patient may not need to be seen at an ED.

If the PSAP or PSDP has any questions or if they receive any calls from the public asking for information please contact Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222.

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